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East Side

By P. D.

On March 11, at Dillard University in New Orleans, I made a talk. In their issue of May 15th, VITAL SPEECHES printed the talk, for which I was most pleased. However, one small complaint. The magazine says: IMPARTIAL—CONSTRUCTIVE—AUTHENTIC. I do not question the authentic and constructive parts, but I most certainly do question the "Impartial" statement. I do so because they ran an Easter Message by Pope Pius XII ahead of my speech. Now, I ask you, that's impartial?

There have been two or three wise guys who've asked me when I was going to make a talk to white people. Their sneers, I am frank to confess, fail to bother me. I'm just sorry for the dumb bastards, that's all. (Hypocrits will please cancel their subscriptions by mail .... no telephone calls accepted.)

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Letters

Hermosa Beach, Calif.
26 May, 1957

Dear Mr. "Editor" . . .

I can't recall ever having written to a newspaper, magazine, radio or T.V. personality. Nor can I recall ever having read anything that carried the strength, force, and insight of the article I read in the "Reporter" magazine a few weeks ago . . . "The Iconoclast of Petal Mississippi."

Many Southerners, I know, share your feelings regarding the race problem but few of us have ever come up with so wholesome approach to the situation as "make them laugh at themselves." Please know my hat's off to you.

As for myself, I lived in most of the southern states by the timed I'd finished high-school and graduated from Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg in 1953 . . . residence at that time Gulfport. Since then have moved to California and have been working in the Publications Department of Northrop Aircraft in Hawthorne, California for almost 4 years.

Not until permanently leaving the south did I fully appreciate the southerner's attitude toward outside interference and although several times I've felt it necessary to defend the southerner I've none the less, as you so apt-

The Reason Why—

Explains Mr. Dooley

"Did YE see in th' papers," said Mr. Hennessy, "how they're sindin' Scott McLeod to be ambassadure to Ireland?"

"'Tis funny ye should mention that," replied Mr. Dooley, "just when I'm standin' here thryin' to recall whether 'twas a poet or a secur-rity officer who made the famous remark: 'I care not who makes the laws Iv a nation, if I can serve on the investigatin' committee'. But ye mustn't think they're sindin' McLeod to Dublin out Iv malice, Hinnissy. Very like, it just came up in a casual conversation, d'ye know. The Prisident happens to notice one day that his Sicrety iv State is back in town, an' he takes him to wan side an' says, 'While ye're here Foster', he says, 'ye might just tell me how the wurrld is gettin' along'.

'Oh times is lookin' up', says the Sicrety iv State, 'Our relations with England haven't been annywhere near so plisint since the Revelutionary War', he says, 'an' that's nothin' to our relations with France an' Israel', he says. 'To the oppressed peoples in the satellites', he says, 'I just sint kind regards an' the hope iv a speedy and complete liberation', he says, 'but not so speedy as to worry Rooshians about lsin' their empire', he says. 'I told them', he says, 'if they needed any help, just say the wurrud', he says, 'an' we will give them every assistance, short iv helpin them', he says. 'In short', he says, 'by exertin' a stiddy moral pressure' ,he says, 'we're bound to win ome sort iv moral victory'.

'Well, you take care iv it, Foster', says the Prisident. 'Dwight D. Eisenhower is not the man to stand in ye're way'.

'Speakin' iv people in me way', says the Sicrety iv State, 'I do believe I've found the place for Scott McLeod'.

'Is that fact?' says the Prisident. 'And where is that, now?'

'Well', says the Sicrety, 'I thought to meself ,what sort of appointment wud prove that we are on such terms with McLeod as wud plaze the Old Guard, but not on anny such terms as wud make anny modhren Republican think we was on anny such terms as we ought not to be. Then I remembered we had a job open in Dublin, so I says [illegible] as good as sindin' him to the' moon, but still, 'tis better than a poke in th' eye with a sharp stick'.

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Perhaps, in view of certain views held by some with reference to me, I would do well to make one thing clear . . . if that's possible, which I doubt. But this I say with reference to human relations, insofar as I'm concerned personally: I don't give two hoots in hell what the color a man's hide happens to be. Personally, I don't look at the hide of any mortal man. The place to look is at the heart . . . all hearts are not the same color by any manner of means, but the difference in color is not a matter of pigmentation . . . it's much deeper than the skin.

You know, if only I could find a paying flock I might start preaching.

In the event you should be driving down South 24th Avenue in Hattiesburg and are stopped it will be to sell you a ticket to something of a show. It's the little people . . . . and some of us who are parents are considering turning their antics into a profit.

Well, just last week, for example, three of them, Debbie Smith, Janet Myers, and Karen East, all about the same age, were jumping rope in front of our house. Janet and Karen were handling the rope while Debbie jumped. I heard such talk as: "Gimme Dutch." As near as I have been able to figure "Dutch" means three or four twirls in one direction, with a sudden reverse following. And then one would decide to "make it pepper." That, I think, is to speed up the business.

Anyway, all that may sound innocent enough. But, you see, these little people didn't have a rope. Result: Folks driving by would slow down to watch . . . some even stopped!

Oh, well, I just love the little people . . . but not much.

Recently I received an ad from Mr. Ralph Johns of Greensboro, N. C. which read: RALPH JOHNS CLOTHING STORE, Greensboro, N. C.—The Store That God Built Through Love, Faith, Hope, And Charity.

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[illegible] the south did I fully appreciate the southerner's attitude toward outside interference and although several times I've felt it necessary to defend the southerner I've none the less, as you so aptly put it, felt that the south needed a good "spanking".

Never have I been so proud to display the word of a southerner . . . and I've almost worn out 2 copies of the Reporter loaning them to friends . . . so felt the least I could do is let you know. You have strengthened my faith in the South.

Wishing you the courage and success you so richly deserve.
Robert L. Moore

BEES 'MOURN' KEEPER

Adams, Mass.—Throughout his life, John Zepka had raised, worked with and loved bees and was known to have had " a way with them." Zepkt died recently and when the cortege reached the grave, mourners found the funeral tent swarming with bees—one the tent ceiling and clinging to floral sprays. They did not annoy the mourners—most remained immobile. This recalled the tradition, "Telling the Bees," kept alive in the poetry of John Greenleaf Whittier and Eugene Field. It held that the bees must be told when a member of a family dies—and the hive draped with a shred of black —lest the bees leave their hive.

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'I dunnaw', says the Sicrety, 'They're a hard lot to plaze. They didn't like the Black and Tans ayther, till they got used to them.'

'Well' says the President, 'you always had a livvil head, Foster, an' if ye think it's a good idea, it suits me right up to the handle. Where do I sign'

'And that, Hinnissy, is how 'twas done."

"But d'ye not think," asked Mr. Hennessy "that th' Congress might tell the Sicrety to sind up another boy?"

"I do not," said Mr. Dooley. " 'Tis a foolish men, Hnnissy, who stands behind his own plate glass window and makes faces at the' fellow with a brick in his pocket. Th' Congress don't dare turn down McLeod and the Sicrity knows it."

"And why is that, now?" asked Mr. Hennessy.

"Sure, an' how else wud they get him out iv the country?" answered Mr. Dooley.

By One Of Them—

Prayer By A Modern Pharisee

"The Pharisee stood up and prayed thus with hemself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are."—Luke 18:11.

I thank, thee, Lord, that I am a North Carolinian and not from Virginia or South Carolina, those "two mountains of conceit bordering the vale of humiliation," full of pompous pride and unaware that their progressive neighbors have long ago outdistanced them; and I thank thee, Lord, that I am an **Eastern** North Carolinian, for is it not a proverb that "No gentleman was ever born west of tidewater"? Especially, Lord, I thank thee that I am a Southerner and not a Yankee —for there are many things one might endure, but not that! Grateful am I, O Lord, that I am a North American, and not a South American, for there is a vast difference, as everybody knows; and that I was born in these favored United States, and not among the gringos of Mexico or the Canucks of Canada.Thankful, too, am I, to be an occidental and not an oriental—one of those "lesser breeds without the law." True that Confucious and Gautama Buddha and Abraham and Moses and Kagawa and Gandhi were, or are, great men, but I never liked slanting eyes or the wrong shape of nose. I thank thee, Lord, that I am a Gentile and not a Jew. Yes, of course, Jesus was born a Jew and many others of that race were princes in Israel when my ancestors were Nordic barbarians, but that has been a long time ago. Why bring that up now? I thank thee that I am white, not yellow or red or brown or black. The Bible does teach that "White man look-

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The World Of Nature

By John M. Frazier

Temperature is one of the major factors of the environment which control the rate of growth and development in plants. The early blooming of the flowers this spring is a response to the total temperature above the minimum at which plants grow. This sum total of heat has been accumulating since the plants passed into the dormant state two or three months ago.

In much of the cold northland no signs of spring are yet visible because the temperature is still below the minimum at which plants begin to show signs of growth and unfolding their gay colored flowers and leaves in renewed life activities.

There aer there climatic factors which largely determine the type of plant life in any given area. These are temperateure, water supply, and light. Temperature and water supply are subject to great variation from day to day and season to season. The variation in light is a more nearly constant factor. There is little possibility of there being a critical shortage of it as there is for heat and waater.

It is the temperature that determines the broad belts or zones around the earth in which certain species of plants may grow. It is the water that determines to what extent and where the plants may grow in the given belts or zones.

Non-climatice factors influence plant growth and development, also.

Physiological Progress

All of the chemical and physical processes that go on ina living plant are influenced by the temperature around it. Plants cannot regulate their temperature, nor can they move and find a more favorable one. There is only one recourse left, namely, adjust to the temperature or die. Within certain wide limits they make adjustments.

The temperature determines the rate at whicch root hairs take up water if there is an adeuate supply. In the case of Cypress tress whose roots may be submerged in water throughout the year, the leaves are dropped because of a state of physicological dryness or lack of water, because of low temperature.

A green plant has to produce carbohydrates from Carbon dioxide and water. This process goes on at a much more rapid rate in summer than in winter. Here the temperature plays its role in such evergreens as pines, junipers, magnolias and others. The summer growths of the annual rings are much broader. The elaboration of more complicated molecules use up hea tfrom the sun in the process of formation.

Ranges Of Temperature

Most plants are adapted to withstand a wied range in temperature change. This is necessary for their survival in any given are. Aall plants make some modifications to survive the changes in temperature from season to season through the year. In the seed stage many plants

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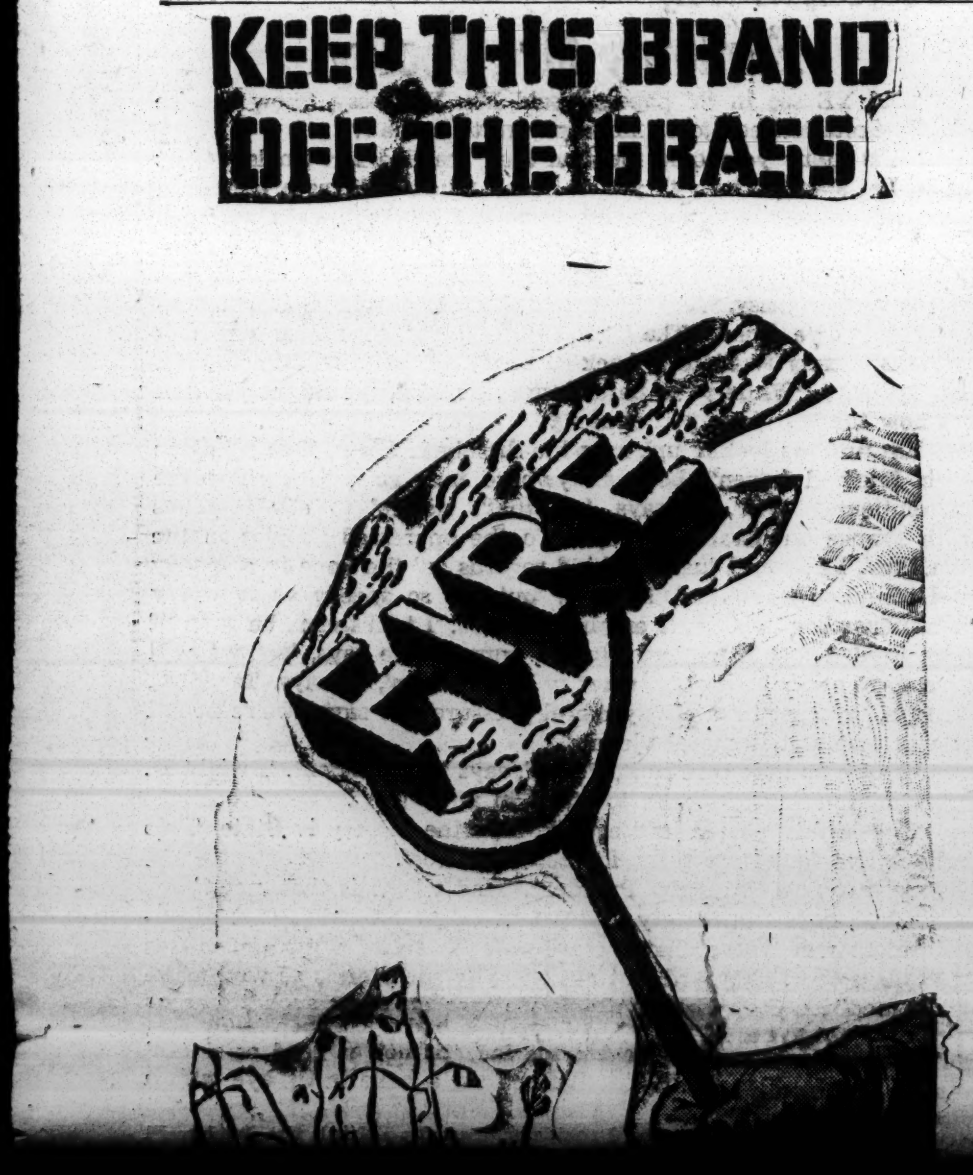

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eth on the outward appearance, God looketh on the heart," but the outward appearance counts for a lot below the Mason and Dixon line. I thank thee, O God, that I am civilized and not a savage, though they do say it is the civilized countries which are at war today, while the "uncivilized" nations are at peace.

I thank thee, O Lord, that I am a Protestant and not a Roman Catholic. Yes, it is a fact that for hundreds of years—long before anyone had ever thought of a Protestant Church—the Catholics kept alive the light of the Christian faith, and my denomination no longer brands the Pope as that "antichrist . . . and son of predition," but, anyway, put it to my credit that I am a Protestant. And, Lord, I thank thee that I am a Presbyterian, and not—well, one hesitates to be too specific—but, after all, we Presbyterians are educated, or used to be, and we do feel that it is nice to be "just right"; not "high-hat" like the Episcapians, nor yet so, well, shall we say, provincial or narrow as the Baptists and Methodists? Yes, naturally there are some Presbyterians who are not what they ought to be, but they are mostly in the Northern branch. I thank thee, Lord, that I am a Southern Presbyterian,, yes, an Eastern-North Carolina, North American, occidental, Scotch, Gentile, white, civilized, Protestant, Southern Presbyterian! What a man!!

—(The Presbyterian Outlook Richmond, Va.)

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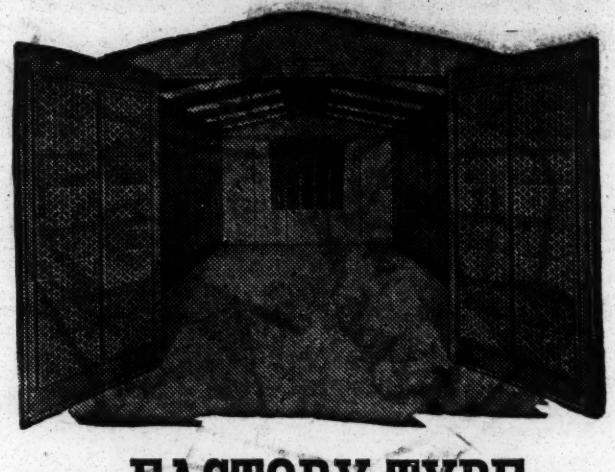

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In the cold Northland plants have to be able to survive such extremely low temperatures as — 90 degrees F. during the winter. Seeds can do this. Trees adjust to the extreme cold by reducing their water content. Deciduous trees drop their leaves and evergreens develop resins and oils that do not freeze at the low temperatures. These same trees would be killed or seriously injured by a cold wave of only a few degrees below the freezing point during the growing season.

Some plants have underground stems and roots which are not killed by hard freezes. Their tops are sent up above the ground during favorable weather. They are killed to the ground by hard frost.

Spores of certain fungi can withstand temperatures as high as 130 degrees C. or 206 degrees F. Some blue-green alage live and reproduce in certain hot springs at temperatures as high as 93 degrees C. or 199.4 degrees F. The coldest point at which fungus growth is known to take place is -6 degrees C. or 21.2 degrees F.

Maximum Optimum, Minimum

Plants may survive between the extremes of — 90 degrees F. and 266 degrees F., they may grow between 21.23 degrees and 199.4 degrees F. but each species has its own Maximum, Optimum, and Miinimum temperatures at which it grows. These are called cardinal growth temperaturees and are vital to the various species. The minimum is the lowest temperature at which a given species will grow and develop. The Maximum is the highest at which this will take place, and the Optimum is that at which the greatest growth occurs.

From a point above the Minimum to the Optimum, plants follow Van't Hoof's law. This law is that for each 10 degrees C. or 18 degrees F. rise in temperature within the range it works, the rate of growth approximately

range is less than that below Optimum.

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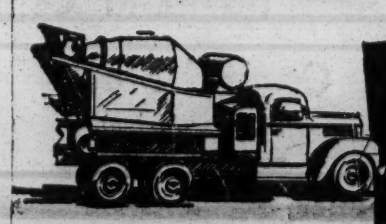

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From a point above the Minimum to the Optimum, plants follow Van't Hoof's law. This law is that for each 10 degrees C. or 18 degrees F. rise in temperature within the range it works, the rate of growth approximately doubles. From the Optimum to the Maximum, the rate of growth declines more rapidly. Also this

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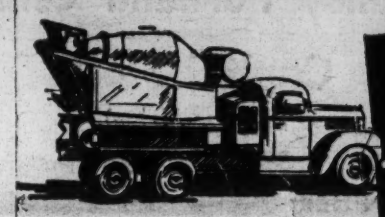

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